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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO BERGNEUSTADT CONFERENCE

1. DEPT (CU) AUGUST 2 PROPOSED TO GERMAN EMBASSY THAT IN FOLLOW-UP TO BERGNEUSTADT CONFERENCE ON GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL RELATIONS, SMALLER CONFERENCE BE CONVENED IN U.S. MID- OR LATE NOVEMBER TO TRANSLATE THEORETICAL CONCEPTS DISCUSSED IN BERGNEUSTADT INTO MORE PRACTICAL TERMS. OBJECT WOULD BE TO: (A) ESTABLISH CURRENT STATE OF TRANS-NATIONAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES; (B) DELINEATE GAPS AND DETERMINE POSSIBLE METHODS TO CLOSE THEM; AND (C) ESTABLISH PRIORITIES OF EFFORT. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GERMAN SUGGESTION FOR ADVISORY BODY MIGHT AWAIT RESULTS THIS CONFERENCE.

2. CONFERENCE ENVISAGED AS HAVING NO MORE THAN 15 PARTICIPANTS EACH SIDE FROM FON OFFICE, FOUNDATIONS AND VALUABLE INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE PERSONS.

3. DEPT HAS BEEN ASSURED OF SUPPORT BY FORD FOUNDATION. SITE AND EXACT DATE REMAIN TO BE DETERMINED IF GERMANS AGREE TO DESIRABILITY OF CONFERENCE.

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4. WE WOULD WISH CAO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FULBRIGHT COM-
MISSION TO ATTEND AND WILL ADVISE FURTHER IF GERMANS AGREE
TO CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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